

Pakistani Student Makes a World Record in Winning a Software Course

Ammar Afzal a 9th class student from Okara city won world computer software course. According to the details published in newspaper, Ammar Afzal, a 15 years old student of 9th class in the district public school and college got the distinction by winning first global position in Stanford University England's (SUE) World Computer Software Course. On 1st May, 09, on scholarship from SUE he moved to England to further education in his field. According to Ammar Afzal his Internet Trainer Mr Simond had challenged him in an angry mood to solve some questions, and had pledged that if he succeeded to solve these questions within, Mr Simond would resign from his job. Ammar solved the computer software riddles within an hour. He got 4.99 marks out of 5 in the test which was a world record. Mr Simond stuck-up to his pledge and resigned. Ammar said that he would always maintain deep regard for Mr Simond as a teacher though he might be angry with him, as he had gained a lot from him. I congratulate him for his success & yes this is a lesson for us that how people get success when there is a firm believe & great will to learn. (<http://thecurrentaffairs.com/index.php/ammar-afzal-pakistani-student-makes-a-world-record-in-winning-a-software-course/>)

Luncheon Meeting with US Minister Counselor for Public Affairs

On May 19, The Miracle's Managing Editor Mr. Naseer Pirzada was invited by Public Affairs Officer Indran Amirthanayagam at the United States Consulate General in Vancouver to join him and his staff for a conversation with Linda Cheatham, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs, at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Ms. Cheatham discussed the policies of Miracle Newspaper and was shown all features of the newspaper by Mr. Pirzada. She was interested in knowing about youth and women issues and how the Miracle addressed them. She wanted to know the current public opinion about US and its foreign policies. She was briefed about the reaction of Canadian Muslims post-9/11 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Pirzada also brought up issues concerning the local



community including wait times at border crossings and industrial crisis. She told the Miracle that she had served in Pakistan for three years as well as India and Afghanistan and was well-aware of issues concerning the general Muslim World. She said she was here to build bridges with

ethnic media and hear people's opinion about US foreign policies. At the luncheon Ms. Linda Cheatham also discussed different community issues with Mr. David Jang, reporter for Sing Tao Daily Limited Chinese Newspaper. The Consul General, Rosemary Eng and Corina Vlad, Cultural Affairs and Press representative were also present at the event.



Jumah Salah in Maple Ridge

by Shakeel Gaya

Maple Ridge is a beautiful community of over 70,000, inhabitants and growing rather rapidly. With the growth in population there has also been a noticeable increase in the Muslim population. With the new Golden Ears Bridge opening in June connecting the Fraser Valley and Maple Ridge it is anticipated that many Muslims will start moving to Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Mission. On Saturday May 2nd Muslim brothers from the neighboring locality of Surrey met with some local residents of Maple Ridge and it was agreed to move forward with establishment of Salat ul Jumah. Everything fell into place and the first Salat ul Jumah was held on Friday 8th May. The objective was to provide the residents of this area (Mission, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge) a facility to come together to remember Allah (SWT) on a regular basis. We were wondering at the level of participation at the prayers, but we had over thirty people to attend the prayers. This included brothers and sisters, and seven students who were brought for Jumah by their parents. We hope that other parents will follow the example and bring their children from school to participate in the Friday Prayers. Our next objective is to

continue the struggle to get a place where a Mussallah can be established for five daily prayers. This would also provide an attraction to other Muslims looking to move to Maple Ridge but are discouraged due to lack of prayer facilities. From the Mussallah our goal is to establish a Masjid and an Islamic Center in Maple Ridge. This Center would also provide facilities for Reading and Recitation of the Quran. The Center would also aim at having regular sessions of Halaqa and Tadrees to enhance our understanding of the deen..

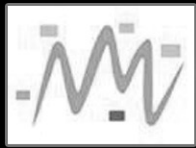
Our goal would be to provide a place for remembrance of Allah to all Muslims, whether residents or visiting or working in the area according to Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet SAS. The first steps have been taken by HIS Mercy, and we ask Allah SWT to guide us to the establishment of HIS house in the area. Ameen!

Venue :

Multi purpose Room , Leisure / Rec. Center , Maple Ridge (for the month of May)

Time : Adhan : 1:30 , Jumah: 1:40 PM Adequate arrangement for sisters

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NATIONAL MEERAJ UN NABI PROGRAM

On behalf of World Islamic Mission, BC Region, I hereby extend my invitation to you all for the National Meeraj Un Nabi Program to be held on **Saturday July 25th, 2009 at 6pm** at the Surrey Arts centre Theatre, Bear Creek Park, Surrey, BC. This advance notice is to prepare for your presence and for you all not to organize any programs in your homes and advise other Muslim Organizations to do the same.

This years Meeraj Un Nabi celebration will be compose of scholars around the World speaking in English, Arabic and Urdu. A special presentation is yet to be announced. Your presence will be highly appreciated for the sake of Allah Almighty and his messenger.

Jazak Allah Khair

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